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Executive Proceedings
and
Official Correspondence.

Territory of Nebraska.

First Semi Annual Report,

January, 1st 1855.

Names of Officers Appointed by President Pierce, for the Territory of Nebraska.

Governor	Francis Burt	of	South Carolina.
Secretary	Thomas B. Cuming	"	Iowa
Chief Justice Supreme Court	Fenner Ferguson	"	Michigan
Associate " "	Edward R. Hardin	"	Georgia
"	James Bradley	"	Indiana
District Attorney U.S.	Experience Estabrook	"	Wisconsin,
Marshal U.S.	Mark W. Izard	"	Arkansas.

Arrival and Qualifications of Officers.

Thomas B. Cuming, took the oath of office the [illegible] day [illegible] A.D. 1854, having arrived in the Territory Oct. [illegible]

Francis Burt, Governor, arrived in the Territory Oct 7th 1854 and was qualified October 16th 1854.

Fenner Ferguson, Chief Justice, arrived in the Territory October [illegible] 1854, and was qualified the 12th of October A.D. 1854.

James Bradley associate Justice arrived in the Territory October 14th 1854 and was qualified the 25th day of October A D 1854.

Edward R Hardin associate Justice, arrived in the Territory December 1st A D 1854 and was qualified on the 4th day of December A D 1854.

Mark W Izard Marshall, arrived in the Territory October 20th 1854, and was qualified October 28th A D 1854.

Oaths of Officers.

I Thomas B. Cuming, Secretary of the Territory of Nebraska, do Solemnly Swear, that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of said office, according to the best of my Capacity and Knowledge, and that I will Support the Constitution of the United States.

(Signed) T. B. Cuming.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me an associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States this third day of August A D 1854

Signed Peter V. Daniel

Oath filed for Record Oct 10th 1854
Recorded December 19th 1854

Oath of Fenner Ferguson.

United States of America
Territory of Nebraska } S.S. I Fenner Ferguson do Solemnly Swear, that I will Support the constitution of the United States and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Nebraska, according to the best of my ability

(Signed) Fenner Ferguson

I hereby certify, that on the twelfth day of October A D 1854, the above named Fenner Ferguson personally appeared, before me, and took and subscribed the foregoing oath at the town of Bellevue

(Signed) T. B. Cuming
Secretary of Nebraska.

Oath filed for record Oct 13th 1854
Recorded December 19th 1854

Oath of Francis Burt

United States of America,
Territory of Nebraska } ss. I Francis Burt do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Governor of said Territory of Nebraska according to the best of my ability

(Signed) F. Burt.

Territory of Nebraska } ss.
I certify that on the 16th day of October A.D. 1854 the above named Francis Burt personally appeared before me and took and subscribed the foregoing oath at Bellevue in said Territory.

Oath filed for record Oct 20 1854 (Signed) Fenner Ferguson Chief
Recorded Decr 19 1854 [illegible] Nebraska

Oath of James Bradley

Territory of Nebraska } ss.
I James Bradley do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Nebraska during my continuance in that office so help me God.

(Signed) James Bradley

Territory of Nebraska } ss.
I Fenner Ferguson Chief Justice of the Sup. Court of the Territory aforesaid certify that on the 18 day of October 1854 James Bradley personally appeared before me, and took and subscribed the foregoing official oath, as one of the Justices of Supreme Court of said Territory. Given under my hand at Bellevue in said Territory on the day and year aforesaid.

Oath filed for record Oct 20 1854 (Signed) Fenner F[illegible]
Recorded December 19th 1854 Chief [illegible]

Oath of Mark W. Izard

United States of America,
Territory of Nebraska } S.S. I Mark W. Izard do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Marshal of the Territory of Nebraska, according to the best of my ability,

(Signed) M. W. Izard,

Territory of Nebraska
S.S.
I Certify that on this 4th day of October in the year one thousand Eight hundred & fifty four, the above named Mark W. Izard, personally appeared before me, and took and subscribed the foregoing oath at Bellevue in said Territory,

(Signed) Fenner Ferguson, Chief Justice Nebraska Territory.

Oath filed for Record Oct 4th 1854,
Recorded December 19th 1854

Oath of Edward R. Harden,

United States of America
Territory of Nebraska } S.S.
I Edward R. Harden do solemnly swear that I will Support the Constitution of the United States, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of said Territory of Nebraska according to the best of my ability,

(Signed) Edward R. Harden,

United States of America }
Territory of Nebraska } S.S.
I certify that on the fourth day of December 1854 at Bellevue in said Territory, the above named Edward R. Harden, personally appeared before me, and took and subscribed the foregoing oath,

Oath filed for Record Dec 4th 1854, (Signed) Fenner Ferguson,
Oath Recorded December 19th 1854, Chief, Justice

Death of Francis Smit

Mr. Francis Smit [illegible] of [illegible] at the Mission House, Hillsdale Creek, on the [illegible] at 5 o'clock A.M. His disease was "Colorado" or inflammation of the bowels. The [illegible] [illegible] took place the same day.